

SENATE BILL 1223

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(30), to authorize the issuance of a special occasion license for a charitable event, establishing rights and responsibilities of such licensee and authorizing donations to such licensee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(30), is amended by adding the following new subdivision thereto:

(D) "Special occasion license" also means a license, issued by the commission, to a bona-fide charitable organization, recognized as exempt from taxation by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, which organization has been in continuous operation as a tax-exempt entity for at least twenty (20) years, and which organization has an annual budget of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000). A special occasion license issued pursuant to this subdivision (30)(D) shall be authorized to sell wine in closed containers for consumption on or off the premises notwithstanding the restrictions of § 57-4-203. Any licensee holding a license issued pursuant to §§ 57-3-202, 57-3-203, 57-3-204, 57-3-207, 57-3-605 or 57-4-101 may donate wine to an organization holding a special occasion license issued pursuant to this subdivision (30)(D) for an event conducted by such special occasion licensee. Any resident of Tennessee may donate wine to an organization holding a special occasion license issued pursuant to this subsection for sale or consumption at an event conducted by such special occasion licensee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.